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PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**PATENT APPLICATION**

Applicant: **Kawaguchi, et al.**

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CONTAINING RESIDUE**

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 27, 2007**

In response to the Final Office Action dated October 12, 2007 having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 12, 2007, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although the Applicants believe that no fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 50-3562 for any fees, including extension of time fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.